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8. [redacted] - LLM) Called Robert Hull, Department of State, to determine if Deputy Under Secretary Macomber had been able to meet with Roger Jones, Bureau of the Budget, concerning the funding of the Foreign Service retirement system. Hull said the meeting had not yet taken place as Jones was preoccupied for the time being with the Bureau of the Budget reorganization and Postal reorganization.

Mr. Hull called for a rundown on the Ervin bill (S. 782) which I supplied him along with the changes from S. 1035. I told him the Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, had requested our comments and I understood a similar request was being made of NSA and the Civil Service Commission.

25X1 Hull said the Department had commented on the bill to the Subcommittee previously and probably would do so in connection with S. 782.

9. [redacted] - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff. Mr. Preston told me that Tuesday

25X1 will be the only day next week that Representative Frank Bow (R., Ohio) and Representative William Minshall (R., Ohio) will have free time to meet with George Carver and [redacted] for a follow-up briefing on Sihanoukville and North Vietnam supply routes into South Vietnam. He told me also that Chairman Mahon may want to sit in on the briefing. Mr. Preston will check with the Chairman and with Representatives Bow and Minshall and call me. See Memorandum for the Record of

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10. [redacted] JGO) In response to his request, I met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Committee on Armed Services, and briefed him informally on the preliminary assessment of the new Soviet bomber. Although Mr. Slatinshek had no quarrel with the facts presented, he was quite annoyed that the briefing provided by Air Force representatives during the week gave quite a different impression: "that of a heavy bomber." He also asked why the Agency and Air Force are not better coordinated in such matters. I told him I would relay his question but that the preliminary estimate of the new bomber was in fact prepared by the Foreign Technology Division of the Air Force.

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